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SUBJECT: INTSUM 305 - APRIL 28, 1977

1. ME PEACE. SPEAKING AT A MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE  
LUNCHEON HERE YESTERDAY, KING HUSSEIN

--CHARGED THAT ISRAEL WAS PURSUING A "DEAD-END POLICY"  
IN THE MIDEAST, CHOOSING TO HOLD ON TO TERRITORY RATHER  
THAN RELINQUISH IT FOR PEACE;

--SAID HE WILL RESPECT WHATEVER DECISION THE PALESTINIANS  
TAKE REGARDING A HOMELAND AND ITS POSSIBLE LINKAGE TO  
JORDAN;

--FAVORED A PLEBISCITE AMONG THE PALESTINIANS TO DETERMINE  
THEIR LEADERS AND ANY LINK TO JORDAN.

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2. EMBASSY TEL AVIV NOTED THAT THE ISRAELI PRESS HAS GIVEN  
PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARK ON THE  
INADVISABILITY OF A PREMATURE GENEVA CONFERENCE. FOR  
EXAMPLE, DAVAR COMMENTED THAT THE REMARKS CONSTITUTED  
A "US RETRACTION FROM RELYING ON GENEVA AS THE MAJOR TOOL"

IN THE PEACE PROCESS. THE JERUSALEM POST NOTED THAT

DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS FELT THE US MAY BE COMING AROUND TO THE VIEW OF ISRAELI LEADERS THAT THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH IS MORE APPROPRIATE.

3. SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD, IN THE WAKE OF SIMILAR COMMENTS BY SADAT AND KING HUSSEIN, WARNED YESTERDAY THAT IF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS NOT RECONVENED AND IF A FINAL MID-EAST SOLUTION IS NOT ACHIEVED, SYRIA AND THE OTHER ARAB STATES "WILL SEEK TO RESTORE THEIR RIGHTS AND TERRITORIES BY MEANS OF FORCE." (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. WEST BANK. DISTURBANCES CONTINUED IN NABLUS WHERE 400 STUDENTS RIOTED YESTERDAY, PROTESTING BOTH RABBI KAHANE'S ATTEMPTS TO ENTER THE TOWN AND THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENT AT MESHAH. NABLUS' MAYOR SHAKA DESCRIBED KAHANE'S ACTIONS AS A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION CONDONED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO OUR JERUSALEM CONSULATE.

5. IN A CONVERSATION WITH CONSUL GENERAL NEWLIN, NABLUS' MAYOR SHAKA REITERATED WEST BANK SUPPORT FOR ARAFAT AND THE PLO AND SAID WHATEVER THE PLO DECIDED ABOUT PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO WEST BANKERS. SHAKA EXPRESSED AN EAGERNESS FOR A WEST BANK/GAZA STATE, ASSERTING THAT SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD SOLVE "85 OF THE PROBLEM," WITH THE REST DEPENDENT ON ISRAEL'S ATTITUDE.

6. STATING THAT A LINK BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PALESTINI-  
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ANS SHOULD BE DECIDED AFTER THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE, SHAKA OPPOSES A RETURN TO A PRE-1967 SITUATION SINCE THIS WOULD MEAN THE RETURN OF THE "BEDOUIN OCCUPIERS." THE CONSUL GENERAL OBSERVED THAT SHAKA'S VIEWS ARE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY SINCE HE HEADS THE LARGEST WEST BANK CITY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. SAUDI ARABIA. VENEZUELA PRESIDENT PEREZ ANNOUNCED IN RIYADH APRIL 26 THAT HIS TALKS WITH SAUDI LEADERS RESULTED IN NO AGREEMENT, BUT HE PREDICTED THAT OPEC SOLIDARITY WOULD BE RENEWED AT THE UPCOMING STOCKHOLM MEETING. MEANWHILE, SAUDI DEPUTY PETROLEUM MINISTER AL-TURKI TOLD EMBASSY JIDDA THAT THE SAUDIS REMAIN CONFIDENT MARKET FORCES WILL EVENTUALLY SUPPORT THEIR

POSITION ON PRICES, AND ARE IN NO HURRY TO COMPROMISE. THE KEY TO THE IMPASSE REMAINS WITH IRAN, TURKI MAINTAINED, ESPECIALLY WHETHER THE SHAH WILL RELENT ON HIS INSISTENCE ON A JULY INCREASE. NO SOLUTION HAS BEEN

REACHED ON NEUTRAL-ZONE PRICING, IN PART BECAUSE OF  
IRAQI PRESSURE ON KUWAIT TO KEEP PRICES UP.  
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